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SINCE THEN, THE STATE OF THE FOREST HAS CHANGED DRASTICALLY.

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IT'S BEEN CLOSE TO TWO MONTHS SINCE I WAS REBORN AS A GOBLIN

WELL,

LATELY, I'VE STARTED TO NOTICE THE PRESENCE OF MORE AND MORE HUMAN AND ELF SCOUTS WHILE OUT HUNTING.

AND JUST THE OTHER DAY, SOME GOBLINS WERE EVEN ATTACKED BY SAID HUMANS.

LUCKILY, THEY MANAGED TO ESCAPE WITH THEIR LIVES.

We need to treat him immediately...!!

IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS,

BUT I THINK THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE ELVES AND THEIR HUMAN AGGRESSORS IS ESCALATING.

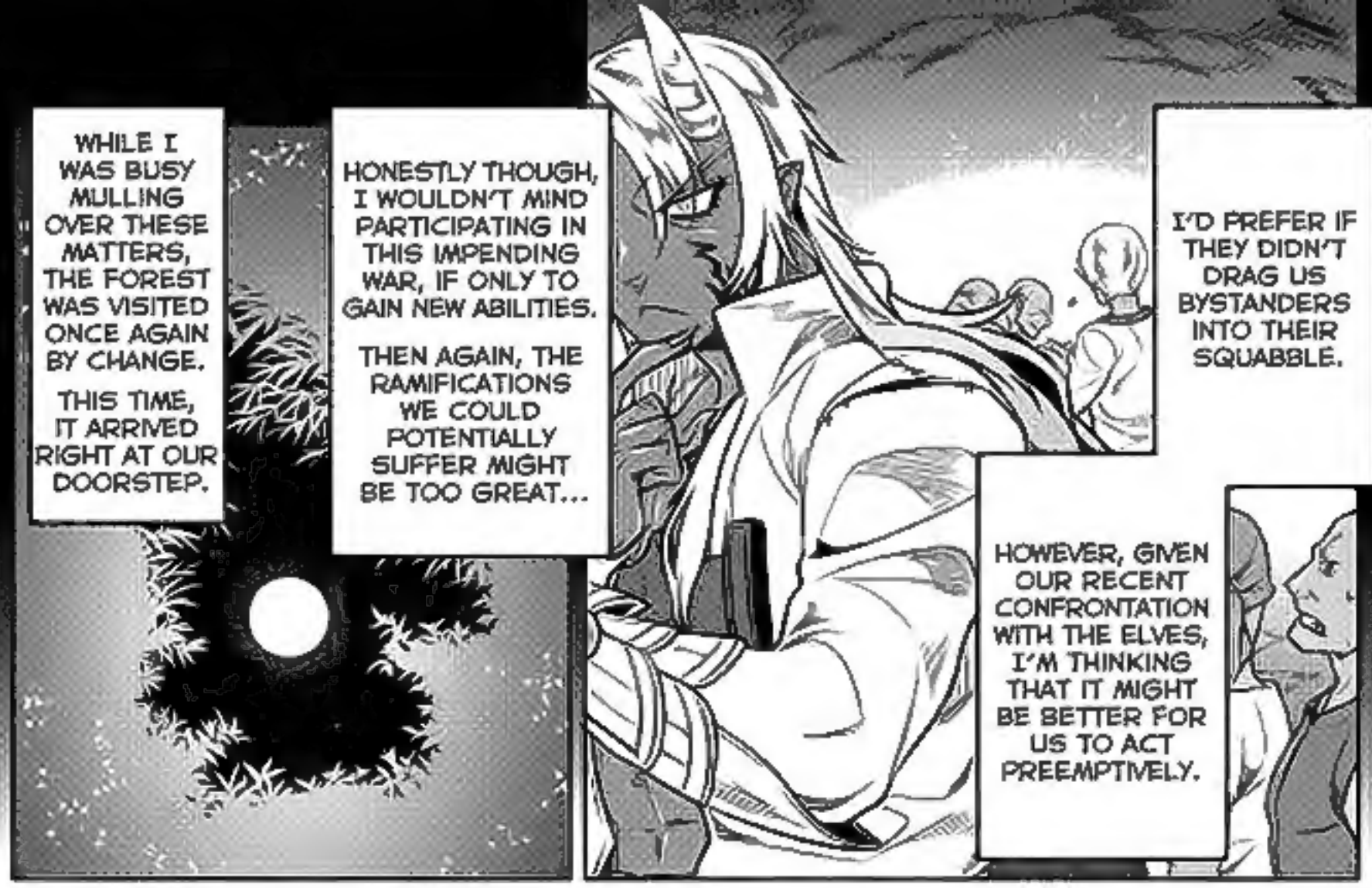
IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WAR BREAKS OUT.

I'VE BEEN THINKING THE SAME THING...

NO,

ROU-NIISAN... THIS MIGHT JUST BE ME OVERTHINKING THINGS, BUT...

I SEE...


WHILE I WAS BUSY MULLING OVER THESE MATTERS, THE FOREST WAS VISITED ONCE AGAIN BY CHANGE.
THIS TIME, IT ARRIVED RIGHT AT OUR DOORSTEP.
HONESTLY THOUGH, I WOULDN'T MIND PARTICIPATING IN THIS IMPENDING WAR, IF ONLY TO GAIN NEW ABILITIES.
THEN AGAIN, THE RAMIFICATIONS WE COULD POTENTIALLY SUFFER MIGHT BE TOO GREAT...
I'D PREFER IF THEY DIDN'T DRAG US BYSTANDERS INTO THEIR SQUABBLE.
HOWEVER, GIVEN OUR RECENT CONFRONTATION WITH THE ELVES, I'M THINKING THAT IT MIGHT BE BETTER FOR US TO ACT PREEMPTIVELY.

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CHAPTER 22: The Restless Forest part 1

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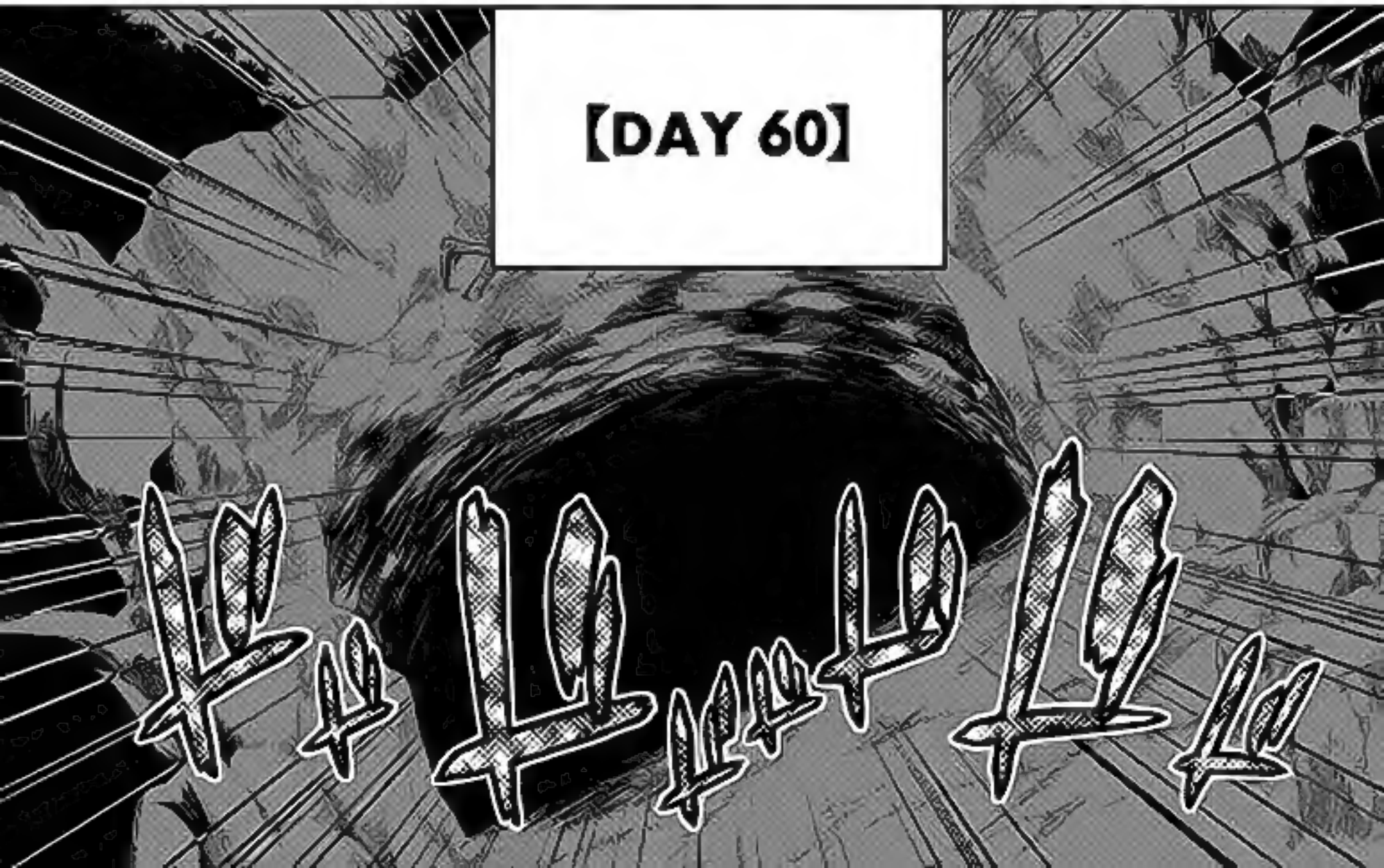

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IT'S ABOUT TWO HOURS PAST MIDNIGHT

AND MY [Sense Presence] IS GOING OFF LIKE CRAZY.

BUT I PUT UP WITH IT ANYWAY, FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS.

ENEMIES...

A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM

RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE CAVE.

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RECENTLY, THE AREA THAT THIS ABILITY CAN COVER HAD INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY

WHICH CAN MAKE IT *TOO* EFFECTIVE AT TIMES, SPECIALLY WHEN I LEAVE IT ACTIVE WHILE I'M ASLEEP.

A LARGE PACK OF KOBOLDS IS HEADED THIS WAY

THEIR NUMBERS SLOWLY DWINDLING

FLEEING FROM THE ONSLAUGHT OF *SOMETHING*.

SOMETHING I HADN'T ENCOUNTERED BEFORE.

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? : Unknown
Swordsmen x22
Spearmen x16

Non-Hostile : Kobold
Soldiers x25
Civilians x25

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? : Unknown x1

? : Unknown
Swordsmen x22
Spearmen x16

Non-Hostile : Kobold
Soldiers x28
Civilians x25

HAVE THE HUMANS COME TO ATTACK US?

NO...

WERE THAT THE CASE, THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS SUCH ON MY MENTAL MAP.

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JUDGING FROM THE SITUATION AT HAND, IT SEEMS UNLIKELY THAT THE KOBOLDS ARE HERE FOR REVENGE

MOREOVER, HALF OF THEM ARE CIVILIANS.

THESE KOBOLDS CAN BE DEALT WITH EASILY IF IT COMES TO THAT, SO THE REAL THREAT IS WHAT'S PURSUING THEM...

I'D RATHER NOT GET INVOLVED IN THIS MESS,

BUT IT'S TOO LATE TO STOP THE INFLUX OF UNWANTED VISITORS NOW.

I WOKE EVERYONE UP AND ORGANIZED OUR TROOPS AS BEST I COULD.

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IT WAS A LEGION OF SKELETONS!

BRINGING UP THE REAR WERE THE KOBOLD'S WARRIORS

DESPERATELY HOLDING OFF CREATURES WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE GUARDING VELVET'S TOMB

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YA KI

AH, CRAP... ANOTHER KOBOLD JUST DIED.

GUESS IT'S NOT THE TIME TO BE ASKING QUESTIONS.

USING THE NEWLY INSTALLED EARPIECES, I ORDERED OUR RANGED FORCES TO OPEN FIRE.

WHY ARE THEY HERE?

I DIDN'T GET TO SEE ONE BACK IN VELVET'S TOMB

HAVE THEY BEEN RUNNING AROUND ALL THIS TIME?

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THE SKELETONS APPEAR TO BE ABNORMALLY RESISTANT TO OUR PROJECTILE ATTACKS.

THERE'S MORE TO THEM THAN ANIMATED BONES... THEY'RE PROBABLY IMBUED WITH DEFENSIVE ABILITIES OR SOMETHING.

GOBUJI, MOVE THE CIVILIANS TO THE HOLD!

PROVIDE TREATMENT TO THOSE WHO ARE INJURED.

NO GOOD!!

IT'S NOT VERY EFFECTIVE ...!

SUPPORTED BY OUR MAGE SQUAD **AGONY**

WITH THAT, I ORDERED GOBUMI-CHAN AND HER TEAM TO PULL BACK AND MOBILIZED OUR MELEE 'HEAVY ARMS' AND 'LIGHTNING ASSAULT' SQUADS: **ANGER** AND **HATRED**

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GA KIN

TURNS OUT SWORDS AREN'T TERRIBLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST THEM EITHER; CUTTING THROUGH SOLID BONE IS TOUGH!

SUFFICE TO SAY, THINGS WEREN'T GOING WELL FOR US.

!!

HOW-EVER,

HOBUSATO -SAN MADE A DISCOVERY THAT WOULD TURN THE TIDE OF BATTLE.

Goburou-chan! Spread the word!!

GOT IT!

EVERYONE, INSTEAD OF SLASHING OR STABBING...

THE SKELETONS ARE RESISTANT TO PIERCING AND SLASHING STRIKES, BUT SUSCEPTIBLE TO BLUNT FORCE ATTACKS.

HIT 'EM WITH BLUNT FORCE ATTACKS!!

NOW THAT WE'RE AWARE OF THIS WEAKNESS,

THEY NO LONGER POSED A PROBLEM.

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GO KYA

UNLIKE THE KOBOLDS, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF WAYS TO MAKE QUICK WORK OF THE SKELETONS.

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BOBO

AT THE RATE WE'RE GOING, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO FINISH THIS QUICKLY.

AND LEAVE THIS TO THE OTHERS.

WAAAAAA

I GUESS THIS TIME, I CAN JUST SIT BACK, RELAX,

HANG ON... SOMETHING STRANGE IS GOING ON HERE.

WAA?AAAAA

THE NUMBER OF SKELETONS...

IT'S NOT DECREASING AT ALL!!!

AND WEREN'T THERE ONLY 39 OF THEM?

YET, MORE KEEP STREAMING IN THROUGH THE ENTRANCE...

I'M PRETTY SURE THE REMAINS OF THE ONES WE'VE DEFEATED ARE STILL HERE, SO IT'S NOT LIKE THEY'VE RECONSTITUTED THEMSELVES OR ANYTHING.

NOT ONLY DID HE MAKE ALL THE SKELETONS WHICH GUARD THIS PLACE,

HE ALSO MADE IMPROVED VERSIONS CALLED 'GREATER SKELETONS', WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF SUMMONING *MORE* SKELETONS BY ABSORBING MANA FROM THE DARKNESS OF THE NIGHT!

HEY, LISTEN! MY MASTER, VELVET, IS A REALLY AMAZING PERSON!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!

WAIT... DIDN'T RETURNER THE CARBUNCLE MENTION SOMETHING ABOUT THIS?

AH!

SO THAT'S WHAT'S GOING ON...

EHE HE

OF COURSE, NO ONE BUT MASTER VELVET COULD HAVE MANAGED SUCH A FEAT!

MASTER VELVET WAS A TRUE GENIUS! A PARAGON AMONG PRACTITIONERS OF THE ART!

GREAT, OFF I GO THEN...

SO IF I TAKE THAT GUY DOWN, THIS'LL ALL BE OVER, RIGHT?

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THE HUGE BLIP IN THE BACK THAT'S NOT MOVING...

THAT MUST BE IT...

THE GREATER SKELETON

THE ROOT OF OUR PROBLEM.

NO, WAIT/

ISN'T THIS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO GRIND EXPERIENCE?

WE CAN JUST KEEP FARMING THESE SKELETONS!

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BY NOW, I'M SURE EVERYONE IS ALREADY ACCJSTOMED TO DEALING WITH THEM, OR AT LEAST AWARE OF THEIR WEAKNESS

THE CHANCE OF SOMEONE SUFFERING A SERIOUS INJURY SHOULD BE LOW.

Everyone, listen up!

FROM HERE ON OUT, I WANT YOU TO FIGHT LIKE YOUR LIFE DEPENDED ON IT!

DEFEAT AS MANY SKELETONS AS YOU CAN, AND EMERGE FROM THIS STRONGER THAN YOU WERE BEFORE!!

I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S TIME TO WRAP THINGS UP.

UNTIL THEN, PARTNER UP WITH SOMEONE AND TAKE TURNS TO REST SO YOU DON'T GET FATIGUED.

REGRET AND **PLEASURE** SQUADS, TRY TO PARTICIPATE AS MUCH AS YOU CAN...

JUST BASH THEM OVER THE SKULL WITH A CLUB OR SOMETHING.

haa~

COME SNACK ON SOME OF THESE!

OH? TAKING A BREAK?

YAY! THANKS~

WHILE ALL THAT WAS UNDERWAY, I STARTED MUCHING ON SOME OF THE BONES FROM THE HUGE PILE THAT WE HAD ACCUMULATED.

AND SO, OUR LEVEL-UP FESTIVAL HAD BEGUN!

That will be all!

Good luck!!

UOOOH

OH? THESE BONES ARE OF REALLY HIGH QUALITY!

MIND IF I PILFER SOME?

BY THE WAY, DO YOU THINK WE COULD USE THESE FOR ANYTHING?

WELL, WE ARE SORTA UNDER ATTACK BY SKELETONS RIGHT NOW...

WAA... WHERE'D YOU GET THIS MOUNTAIN OF BONES FROM?

LATER ON, THE OTHER GIRLS GOT CURIOUS ABOUT THE COMMOTION AND CAME OUT TO INVESTIGATE.

Bone ash can be used for polishing and as fertilizer~

Amazing! So many~

AS EXPECTED OF THE PEDDLER SISTERS; THEY SURE ARE KNOWLEDGEABLE IN MATTERS OF TRADE.

Heeh?

I WAS PLEASED TO LEARN THAT BONES OF THIS GRADE WERE ACTUALLY VALUABLE AND WOULD FETCH A GOOD PRICE IN THE MARKETPLACE.

▽ Learned [Slashing Resistance] [Piercing Resistance]
[Weakness to Sunlight]
[Weakness to Blunt Force]
[Tirelessness] [Bone Fusion]
[Magic Joints] [Equipment Materialization]
[Miasma of Undeath] [Negative Energy]
[Nullify Negative Status Effects]
[Nullify Cold Attacks]
[Nullify Lightning Attacks]
[Weakness to Light Damage]
[Weakness to Holy Damage]
[Weakness to Fire Damage]
[Anaerobic]

I KEPT EATING MORE BONES, SO I SECURED A FAIR NUMBER OF ABILITIES

HOWEVER, MANY OF THEM WERE USELESS OR EVEN OUTRIGHT DETRIMENTAL.

OH WELL... AS LONG AS THE UNDESIRABLE ONES REMAIN DORMANT, I SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS, RIGHT?

AS FOR ME, I REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE UP FOR MUCH LONGER...

NEED TO GET THIS OVER WITH SOON AND GO TO BED.

nod

nod

ONE THING LED TO ANOTHER, AND JUST LIKE THAT, FOUR HOURS HAD ALREADY PASSED.

DAWN WAS UPON US.

EVERYONE'S BEEN TRAINING HARD, GAINING AS MUCH EXPERIENCE AND AS MANY LEVELS AS THEY CAN.

Me too...

I'm at my limit

WELL THEN...

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GUESS IT'S TIME I BROUGHT THIS FESTIVAL TO A CLOSE

ALL COMBATANTS, FALL BACK!

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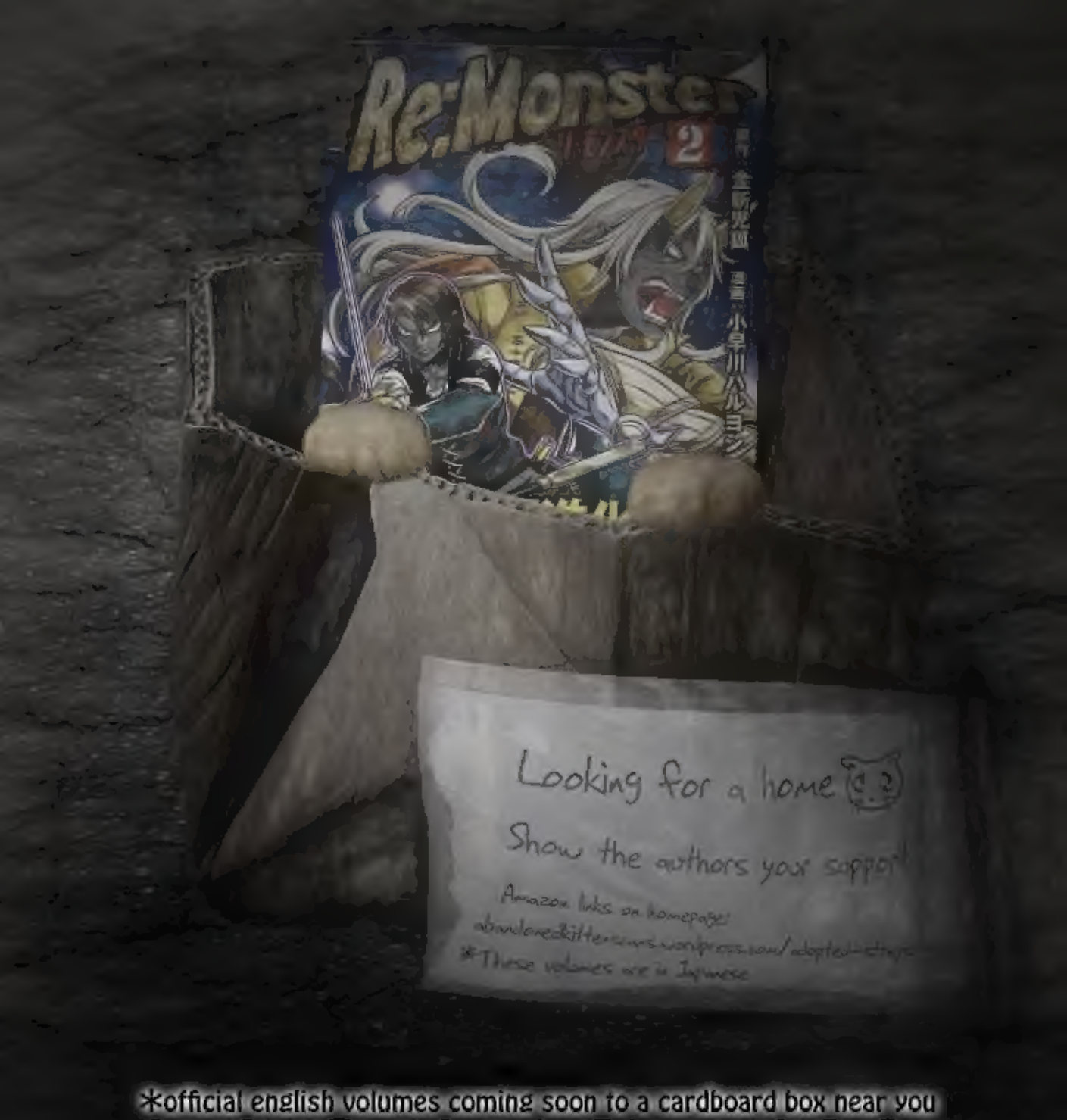

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